

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

AUTHORS GUILD, DAVID BALDACCI, MARY BLY, MICHAEL CONNELLY, SYLVIA DAY, JONATHAN FRANZEN, JOHN GRISHAM, ELIN HILDERBRAND, CHRISTINA BAKER KLINE, MAYA SHANBHAG LANG, VICTOR LAVALLE, GEORGE R.R. MARTIN, JODI PICOULT, DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON, GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI GP LLC, OPENAI LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI STARTUP FUND I LP, OPENAI STARTUP FUND GP I LLC, OPENAI STARTUP FUND MANAGEMENT LLC, and MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

JONATHAN ALTER, KAI BIRD, TAYLOR BRANCH, RICH COHEN, EUGENE LINDEN, DANIEL OKRENT, JULIAN SANCTON, HAMPTON SIDES, STACY SCHIFF, JAMES SHAPIRO, JIA TOLENTINO, and SIMON WINCHESTER, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI, INC., OPENAI GP, LLC, OPENAI, LLC, OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS, LLC, and MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-08292-SHS;

Case No. 1:23-cv-10211-SHS

**NOTICE OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
TO APPOINT LIEFF CABRASER
HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP,
SUSMAN GODFREY L.L.P., AND
COWAN DEBAETS ABRAHAMS &
SHEPPHARD LLP AS INTERIM CO-
LEAD COUNSEL FOR THE FICTION
AND NONFICTION AUTHORS'
CLASSES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs Authors Guild, David Baldacci, Mary Bly, Michael Connelly, Sylvia Day, Jonathan Franzen, John Grisham, Elin Hilderbrand, Christina Baker Kline, Maya Shanbhag Lang, Victor LaValle, George R.R. Martin, Jodi Picoult, Douglas Preston, Roxana Robinson, George Saunders, Scott Turow, and Rachel Vail, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated (“Fiction Authors”), and Plaintiffs Jonathan Alter, Kai Bird, Taylor Branch, Rich Cohen, Eugene Linden, Daniel Okrent, Julian Sancton, Hampton Sides, Stacy Schiff, James Shapiro, Jia Tolentino, and Simon Winchester, on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated (“Non-Fiction Authors”), will jointly move this Court before the Honorable Sidney H. Stein, United States District Judge, at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, for an order appointing Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, Susman Godfrey L.L.P., and Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard, LLP as interim co-lead class counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g). A proposed order is attached to this notice and will be submitted to the Orders Clerk concurrently with this filing.

In support of the motion, Plaintiffs will rely upon the accompanying memorandum of law, the Declaration of Rachel Geman, the Declaration of Justin A. Nelson, and the Declaration of Scott J. Sholder, and any other written or oral argument as may be requested or permitted by the Court.

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Respectfully submitted,

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